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13 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 13 March 1968

DD/I presented to the Director a memorandum requested by Walt Rostow concerning Communist troop dispositions in northern South Vietnam and noted that the memorandum underscores that the enemy is concentrating its strength on the two northern-most provinces of South Vietnam.

Godfrey observed that the question of whether the demonstrations in Poland will burgeon beyond their current level may turn on whether the Polish workers will support the protest as happened in 1956. Godfrey advised that OCI is preparing a historical piece on this matter, drawing on the events of 1956.

D/ONE advised the Director that the memorandum requested by Bill Bundy will be ready by noon.

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DD/S informed that [ ] has sent a letter to Air America in Saigon on behalf of CORDS commending Air America's performance during the Tet offensive.

The Director commented that CIA's multifaceted performance during the Tet offensive, including acts of personal heroism, should be a matter of record and asked that the Deputies ensure the collection of Agency deeds during this period for collation and distillation when the first opportunity presents itself.

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Carver noted early morning reports that [ ] has been over-run and that [ ] is under attack.

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Carver advised that the plastic maps of Khe Sanh prepared by CIA have been sent to Vietnam and are being utilized by General Westmoreland.

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Bross advised that the PSAC briefing is firm and that it will consist of a Vietnam situation report and briefings on enemy logistics capabilities and weapons systems.

DD/S&T reported that both a CORONA and a  will be orbited today.

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DD/S&T noted that the third SR-71 has arrived at Kadena and that the first SR-71 mission should go on schedule (15 March).

DD/P drew attention to Ambassador Gronouski's telegram which, among other things, treats RFE's presentation of current Polish events for the Polish audience. (See Action 1)

Executive Director advised that the National Security Council has terminated the practice of providing the Selective Service System with a critical skills and occupations list, which defers individuals in certain jobs from military service. He noted that this action has made sixty-eight Agency employees highly vulnerable to the draft. Executive Director recommended and the Director concurred that the Agency should take action to seek relief for such individuals on a case-by-case basis rather than seek relief for the group as a whole.

The Director drew attention to Jack Anderson's article in today's Washington Post concerning purported CIA activities in Southeast Asia and to Anne Chamberlin's article in the Saturday Evening Post.

The Director solicited advice regarding the kind of ceremony which might be held in connection with the unveiling of the Allen Dulles plaque. The consensus was that the ceremony should be strictly an Agency affair involving brief remarks by the Director and Allen Dulles. Thursday week was tentatively agreed as the date for the ceremony in order to take advantage of the presence of USIB members. Executive Director will consult Allen Dulles about this date.

Goodwin drew attention to press reports that Ramparts is in such difficult financial straits that it is unable to circulate 100,000 copies of its March issue.

#### ACTIONS:

1. The Director requested a brief paper from the DD/P summarizing RFE's programs in connection with events in Poland. (In the course of the day.)

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2. DDCI asked the DD/I and [ ] to provide him with a brief position paper concerning the USIB agenda item "CCPC Study on Intelligence Activities Against North Korea." (By close of business today.)

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